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SUBJ: UNGA DISARMAMENT - SOVIET POSITION ON CTB VERIFICATION

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1. ISSRAELYAN, CHIEF OF SOVIET MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS BUREAU, INTRODUCED IN UNGA FIRST COMMITTEE NOV 23 TEXT OF REVISED SOVIET "DRAFT TREATY ON THE COMPLETE AND GENERAL PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS." ONLY CHANGE FROM ORINGINAL TEXT IS INCLUSION IN ARTICLE II OF FOLLOWING PARA THREE DEALING WITH ON-SITE INSPECTION BY INVITATION
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(I.E., CHALLENGE INSPECTION): "IN CASE A STATE PARTY TO

THIS TREATY HAS DOUBTS REGARDING THE NATURE OF A SEISMIC EVENT THAT OCCURRED IN THE TERRITORY OF ANOTHER STATE PARTY TO THIS TREATY, IT HAS THE RIGHT TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF CARRYING OUT AN ON-SITE INSPECTION IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN THE TRUE NATURE OF THAT EVENT. THE STATE PARTY TO THE TREATY THAT RAISED THIS QUESTION MUST CITE APPROPRIATE GROUNDS IN SUPPORT OF THE NECESSITY OF CARRYING OUT THE INSPECTION. THE STATE PARTY TO THE TREATY WHICH IS THE OBJECT OF DOUBTS REGARDING ITS COMPLIANCE WITH THE TREATY, RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS QUESTION, MAY TAKE A FAVORABLE POSITION REGARDING THE CARRYING OUT OF AN INSPECTION IN ITS TERRITORY, PROVIDED IT FUNDS THE GROUNDS CONVINCING, OR IT MAY TAKE ANOTHER DECISION. SUCH AN INSPECTION SHALL BE CARRIED OUT ACCORDING TO RULES ESTABLISHED BY THE INVITING STATE PARTY."

2. AT BARTON GROUP MEETING NOV 24, UK REP (ALLEN) SAID THAT NEW PARA SEEMED TO GO A CONSIDERABLE WAY TOWARD MEETING ONE OF UK'S THREE PRINCIPAL RESERVATIONS REGARDING SOVIET CTB DRAFT (OTHERS BEING TREATMENT OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS AND FIVE-POWER PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT). FRG REP (SCHLAICH) CALLED SOVIET MOVE AN INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT, BUT STATED THAT AN IMPORTANT DISTINCTION SHOULD BE MADE BETWEEN CHALLENGE INSPECTION, WHERE STATE SUSPECTED OF VIOLATING TREATY COULD REJECT INSPECTION VISIT, AND MANDATORY INSPECTION, WHERE SUCH A STATE WOULD NOT HAVE THAT RIGHT. DUTCH REP (MEERBURG) NOTED THAT SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF ON-SITE INSPECTION WAS IN CONTEXT OF THEIR DRAFT CONVENTION, WHICH REQUIRES ADHERENCE BY ALL NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES, AND ACKNOWLEDGED DISTINCTION BETWEEN CHALLENGE AND MANDATORY ON-SITE INSPECTION. HE MAINTAINED, HOWEVER, THAT SIGNIFICANCE OF SOVIET WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT CHALLENGE INSPECTION AND UTILITY OF CHALLENGE INSPECTION SYSTEM SHOULD NOT BE MINIMIZED. IF A STATE SUSPECTED OF VIOLATING TREATY WERE CONFRONTED WITH SEISMIC EVIDENCE SUPPORTING POSSIBILITY OF A VIOLATION, IT WOULD HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME REJECTING INSPECTION VISIT WITHOUT SEEMING TO ADMIT ITS OWN GUILT. MARTIN (US) STATED THAT WASHINGTON WOULD STUDY NEW SOVIET FORMULATION.

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3. ALL DELEGATIONS AT BARTON GROUP MEETING BELIEVED THAT REVISED SOVIET DRAFT CONVENTION WOULD NOT AFFECT THEIR ATTITUDES TOWARD SOVIET DRAFT CTB RESOLUTION. ALL STILL EXPECT TO ABSTAIN, PRIMARILY ON GROUNDS THAT RESOLUTION GIVES IMPLICIT ENDORSEMENT TO SOVIET POSITION ON CTB PARTICIPATION AND FAILS TO ASSIGN RESPONSIBILITY FOR CTB NEGOTIATIONS TO CCD.

4. ASKED BY US DELOFF FOR RUSSIAN LANGUAGE TRANSLATION OF NEW PARA, DEPUTY CHIEF OF MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS BUREAU STASHEVSKY AND SOVIET ALTERNATIVE CCD REP NAZARKIN STRUCK UP BRIEF, INFORMAL CONVERSATION ON ON-SITE QUESTION. DELOFF NOTED CONTRAST BETWEEN PNE TREATY, WHERE DETAILED RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ON-SITE VISITS ARE SET OUT IN PROTOCOL, AND NEW SOVIET PARA, WHICH PROVIDES NOT ONLY THAT INSPECTION CAN BE REJECTED BY SUSPECTED STATE, BUT THAT ANY INSPECTION MUST BE CARRIED OUT "ACCORDING TO RULES ESTABLISHED BY THE INVITING STATE PARTY". STASHEVSKY RESPONDED THAT SOVIETS WOULD BE DELIGHTED IF US SUBMITTED ITS VIEWS ON THIS MATTER TO A CONFERENCE WHICH INCLUDED ALL FIVE NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES AND ADDED, WITH A SMILE, THAT THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING US DRAFT PROTOCOL ON INSPECTION QUESTION.

5. WHEN US DELOFF ASKED IF THIS MEANT SOVIETS WERE ONLY INTERESTED IN US VIEWS IN CONTEXT OF FIVE-POWER NEGOTIATIONS, NAZARKIN REPLIED QUICKLY THAT THIS WAS NOT THE CASE. SOVIET DEL, HE SAID, WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER BILATERALLY WITH USDEL AT PRESENT UNGA. DELOFF SAID THAT, WHILE USDEL WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO RECEIVE ANY ELABORATION OR INTERPRETATION OF NEW PARAGRAPH THAT SOVIET DEL WISHED TO PROVIDE, USDEL WOULD NOT BE IN A POSITION AT PRESENT UNGA TO DISCUSS ON-SITE INSPECTION OR OTHER CTB ISSUES WITH THEM.
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